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1. SUMMARY: TAIPEI PAPERS DOWNPLAYED AGNEW'S RESIGNATION AND SEARCH FOR SUCCESSOR WHILE LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS SAW IN THE "CALAMITY" SIGNIFICANT REVELATIONS OF THE HIGH DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. AGNEW RESIGNATION AND PRESIDENT'S SEARCH FOR SUCCESSOR RELEGATED TO BACKPAGES IN TAIPEI PAPERS. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS EDITORIALY SAW SIGNIFICANT REVELATIONS OF A HIGHLY DEVELOPED DEMOCRATIC NATION WHERE NO MAN, BE HE A COMMON CITIZEN OR VICE PRESIDENT, COULD EXPECT IMMUNITY FROM POPULAR CRITICISM AND LEGAL PUNISHMENT.

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3. "... IT PROVED THAT A PUBLIC CONCERNED WITH NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND BOLD ENOUGH TO EXPRESS IDEAS WILL BE THE MOST FORCEFUL MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH DEMOCRACY AND A POLITICAL SYSTEM BASED ON POPULAR THINKING CAN BE BUILT. THE AGNEW RESIGNATION, THOUGH AN AMERICAN INTERNAL AFFAIR AND MATTER SOLELY CONCERNING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE, EXEMPLIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF HOW RULE-BY-LAW DEMOCRACY CAN CARRY OUT A MODERNIZED POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BUILDUP IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY."  
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